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Sean O'Casey : Juno And the Paycock before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Juno And the Paycock:

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Hard Family Life - Ireland circa 1922.By bongoThis is about a family - Boyle, Mrs. Boyle, son Johnny and daughter Mary. There are a few family friends Joxer Daly, Jerry Devine and then there's Mr. BenthemBoyle's a laybout who shirks work to drink and associate with Joxer. Johnny was in the Republican Army and got wounded costing him an arm and a hurt hip. Mrs. Boyle is sensible and tries to keep things together. She spends a fair amount of dialogue complaining about Boyle's slacker ways. Mary also seems sensible but romantically unlucky and a bit naive.Act I - Towards the end Mr. Benthem shows up and explains that a cousin of Boyle's has died.Act II - Boyle starts living as if he's already received the money, buying things on credit.[SPOILER ALERT]Act III - The will turns out to be confused. The money isn't just for Boyle but is to be split between all the cousins of the deceased. The family isn't going to see much, if anything. Mary gets pregnant by Mr. Bentham, who has left for England where he is no longer in touch. The Republican army kills Johnny. Mary and Mrs. Boyle leave Mr. Boyle broke and drunk and go to live with her sister, hoping to do their best to raise Mary's upcoming child.[/SPOILER ALERT]What I liked about this - the characters were well drawn, powerful. It was interesting to read about this time and place. It's a tragedy but it has a humorous side to it as well.On the downside the dialogue is in Irish working class vernacular from 1922 and I sometimes found it tough to follow what was going on. For example:Mrs. Boyle - "An Ireelan's takin' a leaf out o' the world's buk; when we got the makin of our own laws, I thought we'd never stop to look behind us, but instead we never stopped to look before us! If the people ud folley up their religion better

there'd be a better chance for us - what do you think, Mr Bentham?"0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. O'Casey rides again!By Daisy MJUNO AND THE PAYCOCK is now at the Irish Repertory Theater in New York City. It was one of my favorite plays in High School but my memory is faulty so I bought a copy before going too see it (a birthday gift from my son). It is a wonderful read once you get accustomed to the dialogue and, as usual with O'Casey, it is funny, it is sad, it is tragic and it educates.If you like reading plays, you might try this one.May D1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Read before you hearBy Don OI bought this because we were going to NYC to see an Irish Repertory production. Glad we did; O'Casey chooses to replicate Irish speech patterns often different from English. Reading the script first made it enjoyable

The most famous play by this remarkable Irish dramatist. Juno and the Paycock has been produced throughout the world and offers a compelling look at the family conflicts of struggling Irish matriarch Juno Boyle's Herculean attempts to keep her children safe and her husband "Captain" Jack Boyle sober despite his foolish schemes and the ongoing "troubles" in early 20th century Dublin.